A VERY CLEVER TRICK.

where the fox has gone, but bays dismally, and runs around the spot scenting at the ground, and getting confused at every moment, and allowing the fox to get a long start of him.

Now the fox apparently knows all about that, and if he is pressed he makes for a fence, and runs along the top of it for some distance.

After a time he goes to the ground again, and

"In the Slush."

THE CUNNING FOX.

plete its circuit?"

"Is it always safe to wait for a fox to com-

"I should say not. Oftentimes it is advisable

to cut across country to a spot where it seems

likely that the fox will pass. One time we three waited patiently for half an hour beside a trail,

expecting the fox to come along and be killed.

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Sure enough, the baying of the dogs became louder, and we made ready to fire. Somehow the fox did not come along, and when the dogs came into view we saw them taking a very different course from what we had expected. By examining the trail we found that the fox had seen us and quietly scooted around behind us. He got away that time.

"I cannot stop without a word about fox baiting. This consists in putting the carcass of a horse or cow in some convenient field and then waiting at night for the foxes to come up to it. There is not much fun in it usually, but one is pretty certain to secure a good deal of

The Fox Went Behind Them.

game. One man we met in Maine, however, got fun out of it. He placed a carcass near his barn and then connected it by a wire under the snow with a bell in his bedroom. A fox could not do vigorous work on that plece of meat without ringing the bell, whereat the schemer would wake up and go forth to the slaughter. When we left he had killed 25 foxes by that device during the winter."

CHICAO'S GREAT SHOW.

of the West.

Discussion as to What is An Amateur Athlete.

AND A DEFINITION GIVEN.

Some Opinions Regarding the Home Coming of J. M. Ward.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE PUGILISTS.

Prospects of the Tear for Running and Trotting Races.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

Two or three days ago I had handed to me a copy of the Allegheny County Baseball League constitution. It is gotten up in a way that reflects credit on Mr. W. J. Barr, who had the work of printing it in charge. There is, however, an exceedingly interesting statement or declaration in the constitution certainly of sufficient public interest to demand attention. The declaration referred to is article 2, section 1, and reads as follows: "Professionals are not excluded from the ranks of the Allegheny County League as the qualities which go to make up a professional have never been clearly defined." This is an indirect way of saying that an amateur has not been defined sufficiently clear to give us a correct idea as to what an amateur is. If we know what constitutes an amateur then we'll certainly know what a professional is. It both in this country and in Europe to know that after all their efforts to define an amateur the Allegheny County League is still unable to distinguish that object or individual from a professional. Because of this, and apparently this only, the County League will draw no line between the two classes. This reason, if it has any force in it' is a sad reflection on the dozens of definers who have labored to show us how to draw the distinguishing line. But the question has many interesting features beside the main one. It is true that there is and has tions regarding what is and what is not an mateur. Day after day we hear baseball clubs, many of the players of v bich are paid for their services, called amateurs, and fre-quently we hear footrunners who are not firstlass, spoken of as amateurs. These mistaken ideas are caused by the thought that an "amaclass people in anything that he undertakes to do, Nothing could be more misleading, beof sport who can hold their own with the best professionals, I could run a long list of names would space permit, relating to pedes-trians, bicyclists and athletes generally. This then conclusively proves that the term amateurs cannot mean one that is inferior. In this respect the term novice is correct.

What an Ampteur Is.

In a word an amateur is one who participates in any sport for the love of it only. He is not in any sport for the love of it only. He is not to receive any recompense, because as soon as hold their adjourned meeting to-mortone to receive any recompense, because as soon as hold their adjourned meeting to-mortone row evening and renew their efhe does that he becomes a professional. I am row evening and renew their ef-aware that on this point there have been vol- forts to formulate a schedule. There aware that on this point there nave been unies of controversy regarding the most prominent athletes, but the matter is now defined ing among those representatives will cause grave troubles ere a schedule is arranged. It grave troubles ere a schedule is arranged. It amateur baseball players if the definition of that term by the National Amateur Association is accepted. Amateurs cannot compete with or against professionals. An amateur cannot either directly or indirectly receive pay for coaching or training, nor for teaching any athletic exercise; nor shall an amateur run, manage or direct, for prospective profit, any professional exhibition or contest. This we will all conclude, draws the line pretty fine

Johnny Ward's Home Coming. The question that is now interesting base ball people most is: "Why is John M. Ward returning home so suddenly?" Already there have been numerous answers given to this query and probably many more will be given before Mr. John M. lands. Of course he is on the sea now and will be here before next Sun-is, indeed, a very wise resolve on the part of day comes if all goes well and when he does come, doubtless, those of us who do not hear his voice will hear its echoes. John will have something to say. He is a talker and a willing one. However, to a great extent his coming will be awaited with much anxiety. He is president of the Ball Players' Brotherhood, over the the entire organization for that matpresident of the Ball Players' Brotherhood, over the the entire organization for that matter, because it has not even opened its eyes during his absence. But he is also the husband of Mrs. Helen Dauvray Ward, who threatens to go on the stage, and he also writes books. Each of these facts has been put forth as furnishing the reason of his sudden home coming. It has been said that he must come here as soon as possible to attend to the Brotherhood affairs. It has also been said that he is auxious to try and prevent his wife from going on to the stage again; and it has further been said that he is writing a book regarding the ball players' trip, and wants to have it on the market first. Any of these reasons are plausible, but he says that domestic affairs only are forcing him home so soon. His colleagues whom he has left behind say that it is the affairs of the Brotherhood that are causing his action. At Brotherhood that are causing his action. At any rate the author of "How to Become a Ball Player" is a very important personage in the baseball world, and the matter may be worth a

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surprise of many baseball patrons. Well, certainly, this will be a case for President Ward
and the Brotherhood, if they want any case at and the Brotherhood, if they want any case at all. Through it they can assail the entire classi-fication scheme in all its crudity. But, if they do so; what then? There's the rub. To tackle League is one thing and to make a succest is another. I confess that I have little faith of it is another. I confess that I have little faith, indeed, in the Brotherhood coming out victorious in any contest that may take place between it and the League. I'm a thorough going trade unionist at that, but the truth is we have yet to discover whether or not the Brotherhood has attained the dignity of a solid and wisely conducted union. But supposing it has so far developed there are facts which would go to show that no matter how the players object or declare war they are too late now. The majority of the good men have signed for the season, so that whoever of the small balance holds out those who are signed must by contract oppose them by playing. In my humble opinion, then, I cannot see how Mr. Ward is going to improve matters even if he tries. If he does not sry it is fair to say that the Brotherhood is even more of a "myth" than is the

and the Brotherhood will never make a fight. The players will not hold together, even if they resolved to take a stand on anything. We must bear in mind that there are now more ball players in America than there ever were. Hundreds of young men of promise are entering the ranks every year, and there must be many good ones among them. This great supply of players would be fatal to any attempt on the part of the Brotherhood to fight the League."

Baseball in England.

The appearance of Spalding's baseball teams in England has revived the old question: "Will the game become popular among the English people?" When the teams first set out I dealt with this question and ventured the opinion in these columns that it would not. I did not arrow that this would be because of with this question and ventured the opinion in these columns that it would not. I did not argue that this would be because of any inferiority of the game. I advanced other reasons, and one was to the effect that when the English people saw baseball they would say: Why, it is all rounders in another fashion. This has been verified to the letter, because a few days ago the London Datity Telegraph, with the biggest circulation in England, says exactly what was said in this paper long ago. In clinging to old customs, institutions, etc., the English people are probably the most conservative in the world and none of us need ever expect during this century to see baseball even threaten to supplant cricket in England. True the games in England have been well attended, but besides the novelty of the contests there have been extraordinary inducements to attract audiences. Royalty and aristocracy have lent their influences in this respect, but this was because the occasion was rare and exceptional. The game left entirely on its own attractiveness to the English people even with such great exponents as are there now, would fare baddy. It is not easy to knock out cradled convictions when it comes down to a love of sports. In the early part of last season Anson, when in this city unfolded a scheme to me which would make baseball "go" in England if anything would. His idea was to invest a large amount of money and form a pool. Out of this syndicate establish a club in six or eight of the principal cities of the United Kingdom and send good American instructors to teach the players. When this was done a league could be organized and a scapital idea, and its strong point is that each city would become interested in the fortunes of its team. This interest would prompt large audiences, and surely if anything would develop the good points of the game in the estimation of the people this would. The question, however, is who will try it.

A Boom la Trotting. While so much has been said lately about baseball and the extraordinary success it is making, it would seem that many of us are overlooking the fact that trotting races and the breeding of trotting horses are becoming even breeding of trotting horses are becoming even more popular than the national game. We have really come to a remarkable period as far as trotting horses are concerned; a period at which natives of every country and every clime don't for a moment hesitate to emulate the American in matters relating to the rearing and utilizing of the trotting horse. Europeans are in every part of the country purchasing the best blood and speed, and are willing to put up the price. While our conservative cousins, the Britishers, pause considerably before they copy the example of anybody in matters of sport, they are eager to lay hold of America's trotters almost at any cost. Undoubtedly there is a boom in the trotting horse business just now. A few years ago a \$10,000 horse was something of a curiosity, but now we have them knocked down at public auction at the extraordinary figure of \$51,000. Mr. Hobart, the California horseman, says that he has refused an offer of \$75,000 for Stamboul. Of course many people give little or no credence to statements of this kind but the extense and the statements of this kind but the extense them to statements of this kind but the extense themeted to statements of this kind but the extense themeted to statements of this kind but the extense themeted to statements of this kind but the extense themeted to statements of this kind but the extense themeted to the statements of this kind but the extense themeted the statements of this kind but the extense themeted to the statements of the statement has refused an offer of \$75,000 for Stamboul. Of course many people give little or no credence to statements of this kind, but the extremely large attendance of very wealthy gentlement at public horse sales will go a long way toward proving that there is probably ten times more money in the trotting business now than there ever was. Quantity and quality are simply phenomenal compared to 10, 15 or 20 years ago. These facts assuredly indicate that all those people who are from day to day taking about the runners "chasing the trotters away" are a little astray in their calculations.

About the County League.

Representatives of the ten clubs composing the Allegheny County Baseball League will a spirit of this kind is persisted in the whole business is killed at the very threshold. A business is killed at the very threshold. A spirit of give and take must operate or it is useless to attempt any schedule making at all, and those who attempt it under such circumstances will simply bring themselves and the League into ridicule. However, there seems to have been one mistake, and a grave one. Ten men should never have been agreed upon to fix the schedule. If three cannot arrange one. I venture to say 28 cannot. No range one, I venture to say 28 cannot. No schedule will be absolutely satisfactory; the great object is to get as near that point as po sible.

Dominick McCaffrey's Retirement

Pittsburg is now without a first-class repre-sentative in pugilistic circles. Dominick Mc-Caffrey, who for many years has been known as the "Pittsburger," has retired from the fistic is, indeed, a very wise resolve on the part of McCaffrey, particularly at a time such as this. Whether or not his retirement will be permanent. I don't know. Doubtless he means it to be, but somehow or other all professionals talk about retiring years before they really do it. However, whether McCaffrey ever appears in the ring again or not, he has made a creditable record. I say this in all fairness to the man, and despite the efforts of anybody to rob him of any merit honestry won. I am ready to say that McCaffrey, while not a polished boxer, was as deceiving and as quick as anybody I have seen. His style was his own, and evidently learned without the aid of an accomplished master. Boxing was his great forte, but he also proved himself a fighter. He tackled such a game and good man as "Sparrow" Golden when the latter was "King" of Philadelphia, and there were good men in Philadelphia then. McCaffrey also displayed nerve and judgment against Sullivan at Cincinnati, and really was fresher than the big man at the end of the contest. But there was one thing connected with McCaffrey's career as a pugilist that has always reflected credit on Pittsburg: He was always reflected credit on Pittsburg: He was always a gentleman in appearance, conversation and actions. the ring again or not, he has made a creditable appearance, conversation and act

The Season's Running Prospects.

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It is some time since there is for the three conjectures above named there is only one that concerns baseball people in anything like a vital way, viz, that relating to the Piayers' Brotherhood. The others may be interesting, but it is not likely that the status or constitution of the national game will e affected by any theatrical relive of Mrs. Ward or any literary ture or effort of her husband. The important feature is: Is President Ward coming here in the states for the Eastern spring and summer meetings have closed. The entries in each all the stakes for the Eastern spring and summer meetings have closed. The entries in each all the stakes for the Eastern spring and summer meetings have closed. The entries in each all the stakes for the Eastern spring and summer meetings have closed. The entries in each all the stakes for the Eastern spring and summer meetings have closed. The entries is each all the stakes for the Eastern spring and summer meetings have closed. The entries is neach are lightly indeed, and Monmouth leads with a list of no less than 2,929 entries. There is a list of no less than 2,929 entries. There is a list of no less than 2,929 entries. e affected by any theatrical releve of Mrs. Ward or any literary ture or effort of her husband. The important relative is: Is President Ward coming here in the half of the Brotherhood to declare hostilities against the National League? Now, allow me to assume that he is and probably the most important grievance he'll find is the classification scheme, which has been established in his absence. He and his colleagues now in England condemn the new plan and there is an excellent case by which the entire matter can be tested. I refer to the case of Jim Whitney, the Washington pitcher. He has been placed in Class B, much to the surprise of many baseball patrons. Well, certainly, this will be a case for President Ward later to the the surprise of many baseball patrons. Well, certainly, this will be a case for President Ward later the surprise of many baseball patrons. Well, certainly, this will be a case for President Ward later the surprise of many baseball patrons. Well, certainly, this will be a case for President Ward later the property of the Saster Satisfactory reports come from Baltimore and Washington. It is safe to say that the South and West will be just as presperous as the East. At any rate turf speculators can rest assured that there are lively times shead. It may be interesting to note that Hanover It may be interesting to note that Hanover seems to be strongly fancied for the Brooklyn handicap, as H. T. Norcross & Co. send word to this office to the effect that they are "full" on him. They state the same about Aurelia for the Suburban.

McAuliffe and Myer Again. The pugilists still maintain a quietude that indicates a duliness in their business. The one-sided battle between that over-estimated fighter, Sailor Brown, and "Young Mitchell" has been the only event of the week deserving of mention, and it is unworthy of comment, Jack McAuliffe, however, has reappeared on becase, so that wheever of the small balance holds out those who are signed must by contract oppose them by playing. In my humble opinion, then, I cannot see how Mr. Ward is going to improve matters even if he tries. If he does not try it is fair to say that the Brotherhood is even more of a "myth" than is the League. The events of the outgoing winter have proven that the players have considerably gotten the worst of legislation without an official voice being raised opportunely against it. This certainly shows that if the Brotherhood is anything than a name it had duties to fulfill this winteribut just when its influence and power was most needed its leader was deliberately absent. I cannot imagine any other union in the country whose leaders would be absent when the employers were arranging the annual scale of wages for the workmen. If such stupid conduct was indulged in then by all means let the consequences be suffered by those who acted so foolishly.

Manager Phillips' Opinion.

I had a conversation with Manager Phillips a few days ago on the foregoing subject. He is very positive on the matter and unhesitatingly declares that wnatever Ward's mission home may be will have no effect on the League. Mr. Phillips said: "Ward cannot get any changes made in anything that has been agreed upon the surface, and has in very broad and compre-

Mitchell. These odds have been accepted by Captain Jenks, Pony Moore, Mr. Razar, Charley Rowell and other followers of Mitchell. The match taken place on the 23d. Both Mitchell and Smith are trying to secure the services of Jack Baldock. Mitchell is anxious that Kilrain will arrive to assist in conditioning him.

MUSN'T DRINK A DROP.

Manager Phillips Makes an Importan Statement About the Players. Manager Phillips expects that 15 players of the local club will report for duty to-morrow week. There are 18 men under contract and Hanlon, who is considered as good as signed makes 19. Mr. Phillips thinks that all of his men except Hanlon, Carroll, Garfield and Sunday will be here on the 25th inst. He has offered inducements for them to do so. Yester lay he wrote each one, except the four named, to the effect that if they renamed, to the effect that if they report for duty on March 25, they
will be released from duty on October 25, or, in
other words, if they start work six days sooner
than their contracts demand they will finish six
days sooner. This is a fair proposition, and it is
likely to be accepted.

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"What are the important features of the new club rules?" was asked.

"Well, we have not gotten them all fixed yet, but there is one that absolutely prohibits drinking of any intoxicating liquors. The rule simply means prohibition to the ball players. Every player caught taking even a glass of beer must suffer the consequences. We will fine every violator, and the name of every man fined will be forwarded to President Young, so that the fines may have some effect as to the classification of the offenders. President Nimick has made up his mind definitely on this point, and if any player objects to being fined for taking a drink of beer we are prepared to contest the case. The contract of each player binds him to abide by the club rules, and we are determined that the rules shall be lived up to this year."

The statement of Mr. Phillips is, doubtless, significant, because it indicates that all players who in any way violate club rules will be reported to President Young. In this way the latter will be enabled to collect his facts as to the moral qualifications of the players. This further means that the effect of each violation will not end in a local fine, but may cause the violator to drop into a lower class, and consequently be reduced in salary. If all these intentions are declared in good faith, most certainly the ball players must needs lead a circumspect life.

An Authority Points Out How It Might Have Been Higher. It is safe to state that if the entire sum paid for Bell Boy has been placed in the bank to the credit of Mr. Seaman, that Messrs. Clark and Hopper have been secured for the mares booked to the stallion. They are prudent business men, and Mr. Clark said to us in advance of the sale that he should ask for some thing tangible to cover the guarantee. If Mr. Seaman wished to protect the syndicate, it would be an easy matter to pay over to it the difference between \$48,500 and \$40,000. Mersrs. Clark and Hopper have made, with their guar-antee, a very good thing out of the purchase of Bell Boy.

M'AULIFFE AND DALY MATCHED. A Challenge From Rengan to Fight Jack

Dempsey. NEW YORK, March 16 .- Jack McAuliffe, of Brooklyn, and a representative of Mike Daly, of Bangor, Me., met to-day, and agreed that the fight should take place early in August the fight should take place early in August within 100 miles of New York. The fight will be for \$2,500 under Queeusbury rules, the men to weigh no more than 133 pounds. William E. Harding will be stakeholder.

Billy Reid, backer of Johnny Reagan, to-day posted \$200, and issued a challenge to fight Jack Dempsey for \$1,000 a side for the middle-weight championship. Reagan will meet Dempsey March 20 to make the match.

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. 1 St. Louis, March 16.—Great excitement has been caused among the baseball men of St. Louis, Kansas City and St. Joe over the action of criminal jurisprudence at Jefferson City which reported favorably the bill prohibiting baseball playing on the Sabbath within the baseball playing on the Sabbath within the corporate limits of Missouri. It is well known that if such a law were passed and enforced it would put an end to professional ball in Missouri. It is doubtful whether a professional club could exist in this State without the patronage derived from the Sunday games. President Von der Ahe, of St. Louis, President Speas and Manager Watkins, of Kansas City and Manager Lord, of St. Joe, have all been interviewed on the subject, and all are a unit in expressing themselves as ready to go out of the business as soon as such a measure is enforced.

ness as soon as such a measure is enforced. The Oaklands in Line,

A meeting of the Oakland club, of the County League, was held last night. There was a good attendance and the following officers were elected: Manager, A. W. Rhinehart; Secretary, J. M. Knight; Treasurer, Charles Secretary, J. M. Knight; Treasurer, Charles Young. The prospects of the club are excellent, and the nine will be as follows: Batteries, Neves and Lavelle, Anderson and Shaffer, E. Rinehart and Hardle. The field will be: First base, F. Barr, of last year's Blairvilles; second base, Bray, third base, McKnight; shortstop, Speer; left field, W. Rinehart; center, Hardle: right, C. Rinehart; subs, Young and Ferguson. Manager Rhinehart will endeavor to secure another good battery.

LONDON, March 16 .- Jem Smith is training and the latter is also getting himself in condi-

meeting of the League Schedule Committee to be held to-morrow evening. Mr. Barr wisely points out that while every representative is expected to attend the meeting with an idea of what he wants, all must be prepared to make Thinks Well of Proctor Knott.

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Captain Sam Brown is at Louisville, and accompanied by Sam Bryant took a look at Proctor Knott, the famous race borse. Captain Brown thinks that the colt is one of the finest looking in the world. He does not say he is the greatest 3-year-old in the world, as he claims to have some good ones himself. The Captain is not buying horses at present.

The Wanderers Organize.

Kill the Foxes.

Device. LOCAL SPORTING NEWS OF INTEREST A form of winter sport that is little heard

ABOUT BELL BOY'S PRICE.

antee, a very good thing out of the purchase of Bell Boy.

Mr. Thompson, of the Hermitage Stud, we are assured, was offered security that the guarantee would be carried out, and on the strength of this he was willing to bid \$50,000. He is an honorable gentleman, having no sympathy with questionable methods of booming, and is financially strong. He does not wish to have his name mixed up with the boomers, and we do not blame him. When Mr Clark made a bid of \$51,000, Mr. Thompson considered that he was released from his bid of \$50,000 and he did not care to renew it after Mr. Clark had withdrawn his bid. The simple fact that Mr. Clark was guaranteed \$2,500 to renew his bid of \$51,000 shows how eager the boomers were to unload. Had there not been so much suspicion, Bell Boy would, with a secured guarantee, have brought a great deal more money than he did.—Turf, Field and Farm.

The Duquesnes Are Rendy.

Hanlon's Good Opinion. President Nimick received an interesting letter from Fred Carroll yesterday. On the day that the letter was written Hanlon had just received a letter from this country stating definitely the circumstances of his transfer denniely the circumstances of his transfer from Detroit to Pittsburg. Carroll quotes Hanlon as saying that he is glad to come to Pittsburg, as he believes it is a better team than Boston. Hanlon thinks that the local team will be a strong one and hard to beat if all goes well. Carroll adds that the boys are having a good time of it.

The Smith-Mitchell Mill Falling Fint. (BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

and the latter is also getting himself in condi-tion. It is pretty well understood, however, that some arrangement has already been ar-rived at, and no doubt the umpire's decision will be one which will not lower the prestige of either boxer. There isn't much talk about the coming mill over here.

Some Good Advice. Mr. W. J. Barr, Secretary of the Allegheny County League, has issued an order for the

The Wanderers Organized.

The Wanderers Basehall Club, of Second avenue, has reorganized. It is a good organization and this season promises to be a strong young team. The members are: Thomas Shaner, President; Dan Harman, Captain; John Connor, J. Cobil, Harry Rubams, Herman Leech, Pat Cobil and Charles Bichardson.

How the Eastern Dudes Chase and

STORIES OF SOME OLD-TIMERS.

A Maine Man Killed 25 Foxes by a Novel

of but immensely popular with those who know about it, is fox hunting on the snow. It is generally in vogue in the northern part of Maine from Thanksgiving day until almost invariably makes his escape. Another April, or even later. The natives, of course, indulge in it with a somewhat prosaic spirit looking more to ridding themselves of reynard's depredations than to gratifying a love for sport. The fun comes when the swell young men of New York or Boston, or more distant cities, take a run down East for a fort-night's shooting. They may be ever so good marksmen, and may know ail about killing deer, but if they have not studied the fox they are liable to get more amusement out of the experience than pelts. One of a party of three young men who have just returned from the vicinity of Bangor, gave the writer an account of the trip that was at once instructive and comical. He is back-ward about allowing his name to be used, but that need not matter. The hunters may as well be called Smith, Brown and Jones. They were all well-to-do and stirred with a high ideal of the noble sport, and to make everything au fait, they rigged themselves in the nobblest of hunting suits, and procured the best outfit of arms that could be obtained in the city. It eems that their appearance when ready for the fox was quite enough to startle the Maine men. Smith and Brown are nearsighted, and

shooting. They are good fellows, though, and when they accidentally killed their guides' dogs they paid a good price to recompense the owners for their losses. SMITH TOLD THE STORY. "The fox," he said, "is reputed to be a very

their eyeglasses topped off their picturesque outfit with a suggestion of anything but skill in



Proves His Marksmanship by Killing the Dog. all the credit he deserves. In fables he is made to do things that are impossible in order to demonstrate his cunning, whereas the things he actually does make his shrewdness more strikingly apparent than anything that Æsop ever invented. I'll tell you some of them presently, but I begin without conclusions as to the fox's character, in order to explain that anybody who really wants to catch a Maine fox had better employ a native guide, some one who not only knows the territory but who has studied reynard for years. Even then you will have to work pretty hard to secure the pelt, granting that the dog gets a trail. The first time we went out after reaching Maine we started at 6 in the morning from a small village which we in the morning from a small village which we made our headquarters. We walked several miles across the snow, some times along rude roads, more often straight through the woods. The dog struck trail at just about sunrise. Off he went, and our guide burried us up to the place where the dog first discovered his vic-tim's tracks. Then he knelt down in the snow and examined the tracks with great care. After a minute he said: "That fox, gentlemen, is 3 years'old, and he seed this point just an hour and 20 minutes

ago.'
"I confess that I do not know to this day "I confess that I do not know to this day whether an experienced hunter can tell anything about a fox from the impression of his feet on the snow, but this man's calm assurance and his remarkable accuracy so astonished us that we believed him implicitly. We looked at him admiringly and waited while he surveyed the surrounding country. Finally he said:

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"The best place to get that fox'll be on top of the knoll yonder, and off he set with us at his beels to climb a hill a half mile away. You may know that a fox goes in a circle, and if you strike the trail at almost any point and wait you are likely to get

A CHANCE FOR A SHOT, unless the dogs should happen to run the nimal down before the circuit is completed. So we went to the top of the knoll and shivered



He Thought it Was a Squirrel. for an hour or so waiting for the fox to com the baying of the dog, and at last it was evident that the chase was approaching. We had beguiled part of the time by casting lots to determine who should have the first shot, and when the critical moment came the guide prepared to correct any error that might be made by the dude sportsmen. He really had no idea by the dude sportsmen. He really had no idea that we could shoot at all, and expected to kill the fox himself. Well, as events subsequently proved, we didn't know all about fox hunting, but in this case the guide was astonished. The man who drew first shot actually killed the animal. It was like the proverbial first play of the amateur gambler. We were excited beyond measure. All that day we tramped about the country and secured three pelts. Toward the close of the afternoon, when we were just about to intercept our fourth victim, the excitement overcame us, or at least one

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He Takes to a Fence. of us, for when a commotion occurred in the bush in front of us one of the fellows raised his gun and before the guide could warn him he shot the faithful dog dead as a nail. After that the native cast no more doubts upon our abilities as marksmen, but he never got over his grief at the loss of his cog. He admitted that we paid him more than the 'durned beast' was worth, but the manner of his death was something that added a sentimental interest to hum.

"Well, after that day, we went out mostly alone. We felt pretty hig about our success. AN IMMENSE CROWD.

"Wait till I shoot that dandy little squirrel on the wall there!"

"Up went his gun, bang! and down fell the squirrel." Two of us ran away, but the slayer went up to get his game only to discover that he had dangerously wounded a polecat. He than went home to change his clothes and the other two of us continued the hunt alone. We didn't get anything. We started two foxes and how they got away I am not certain, but one of them probably took to a rail fence. It is More Than 12,000 Witness the Boys Play in London.

THE CHICAGOS WIN EASILY. "A hound, you know, never sees anything but the ground beneath his nose. He just scoots along nose down, and when he loses the scent he doesn't look around to see Hanlon Refuses to be Captain Because of

Pitcher Crane. DR. CARVER DEFEATS BANDLE

Spalding's baseball teams played to 12,-000 people in London yesterday. The Chicagos won easily. Captain Hanlon, of the All Americas, refuses to act as captain any longer because Crane won't do his best in the box. Crane does not want to over-exert himself. Bonner did not show up to compete against Crane in throwing the cricket ball, and the latter made an exhibition throw.

[BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.] LONDON, March 16 .- [Copyright]-The last London game this afternoon proved in point of attendance the greatest success of the English trip. No less than 12,000 people crowded into the Leyton grounds. They were of a rather jollier and more indiscriminate sort than the attendance at the previous English games. Not a few 'Arrys were among them, as the region about the grounds is not of a distinctly fashionable character. The players reached the grounds at 5

remarkably clever trick a fox may play when he gets a chance is to take a railroad track, especially if a train is coming. He runs along the track ahead of an approaching train, but not as fast as he can. He tries to let the dog overtake him. As in other cases the dog sees nothing. When the fox has come within a few rods of the train he sits down, and lets the dog come up. Just as they are about to be struck down the fox jumps to one side, and the dog gets killed. We lost one dog that way, and saw the whole operation from a distance."

"Does a dog ever overtake a fox?"

"Oh, yes; especially if there is thawing weather. In that case the fox will quite likely get into slush or water somewhere and wet his bushy tail. After that he cannot run nearly as fast as before, and is very sure to be caught. A fox caught that way is said to be "in the slush." remarkably clever trick a fox may play when o'clock under the cover of a tolerably robust fog. They were met by a committee and entertained with the usual ceremonies of welcome in a pavilion. High Sheriff Buxton, of Surrey, presented an address, to which MR. SPALDING RESPONDED.

There were present Lord Carlingford, Sir Selwin Ibbetson, Bart.; Mr. Theobald, M. P., the directors of the club and a consideral number of prominent cricketers.

The game held the crowd together until the

close, though it was not a specially brilliant exhibition. The foggy air made it difficult for the fielders to judge the balls, and as Crane per-mitted himself to be pounded freely there was much fielding to do. Baldwin had better luck, but his support was not of the best. As usual, the English spectators appreciated most the long hits and catches and the sliding to bases The score was:

HANLON OBJECTS TO CRANE. At the close of the game Crane was to have thrown the cricket ball against Bonner, the Australian, but when the latter sent word at the last moment that he was sick, Crane volunteered to make an exhibition throw. He

objects to what he considers Crane's too con-scientious regard for himself in refusing to pitch harder and oftener. The outcome may give Brown a chance to get back his old prestig in the box. Canon Farrar has issued a special invitation to the party to attend services at St Paul's to-morrow morning.

CARVER WINS. He Defeats Baudle in an Exciting Shoot-

ing Match. CINCINNATI, March 16.—The shooting match between William F.Carver, the world renowned all-around shot, and Albert Bandle, of Cincinnati, took place at the old Mill Creek avenue baseball grounds this afternoon before an immense concourse of spectators within the grounds and a greater number perched on eminences, housetops, cartops and in trees outside the grounds.

The match was for \$250 a side under Hurlinghame rules at 100 live birds from five ground traps. Several times during the match the shooters were tied, and the interest was intense. Carver shot his last 18 birds straight

making the score: Bandle, 90; Carver, 9L New Orleans Winners. NEW ORLEANS, March 16.—To-day's races were run over a fast track. The weather was beautiful and there was a large attendance Following is a summary of the events: First race, one-half mile, selling-Consigner won in 50% seconds, Cora L second, Jim Nave

Two Battles Pending. WHEELING, March 16 .- About 100 Pittsburg sports arrived on the evening train from Pitts-burg to witness the dog fight between Pat

Sporting Notes. DAILY has signed with the Hoosiers. Wise and Morrill have signed with Boston, Tim FEBFE says he will sign with New York. J. L. SULLIVAN is now at Worcester as sober

ANSON'S grand batting average for 13 years is 357 and that of Brouthers is 354. M. J. SLINGERLAND, of Albany, has sold Beauty Bright to a party in Germany for \$7,000 PETE BROWNING has gone back on his pledges. He is on a roaring drunk at Louis ville. MEMBERS of the Allegheny Gun Club had an interesting shoot at Exposition Park yester

PRESIDENT HEWITT, of the Washington club, thinks that Boston will not let Sam Wisego. THE East End Athletics will play at Wheeling on April 6 if the former team can be gotten GEORGE COVINGTON, the light weight jockey, is still without an engagement for

THE Chicago Cricket Club is making arrangements to play the local club at Brushton on June 15. JOHN L. SULLIVAN says that James G. Blaine is President and that Harrison is only the figure-head. PITCHER SHREVE, of the Indianapolis Club, says that Chicago has made him no offer. He is at Indianapolis ready to sign. MULDOON defeated Tom Cannon in their wrestling match at Cincinnati on Wednesday night. The former won the first two falls.

THE players in the All America team say that Ward is coming home to look after the Brotherhood affairs. He is opposed to the classification scheme. In a letter to Noremac, Frank Hart, the pe-destrian, says that his share of the receipts of the 'Friso race was \$3,700. Moore's \$200, and Hall, the manager, netted \$10,000. An athletic combination under the management of Jack Dempsey and Jim Daly will give an entertainment in the Opera House at Houtzdale, this State, on Monday evening.

THE Paradise Club of Anglers, New York, of which Judge Gildersleeve is President, have just concluded the purchase of 70,000 acres of forest and 50 trout lakes in various parts of the PRESIDENT DAVIDSON, of the Louisvillea has refused the terms of Pitcher Stratton. The latter does not want to play on Sundays, but objects to a reduction of salary on that ac

ED FLAHERTY, of the St. Pauls, requests managers of local clubs, whose members are under 14 years of age, to communicate with him regarding the formation of a league of such clubs. His address is 84 Ann street. MANAGER HORACE PHILLIPS, of Pittaburg, will uniform his team this year in orange and black. Horace anys his uniforms will paralyze Mutris. The Pittsburgs are scheduled to play in Boston July 12. Look out for the South Boston contingent on that day, Horace.—New York World.

and is signed by the Governor, there will be lively times this season on the tracks of Pennsylvania. A series of spring meetings will be held at Philadelphia. Turner, Phillips, Scattergood and Irwin are getting their stables ready to do battle for the purses.—Turf, Field and Farm. MR. C. J. HAMLIN paid a visit a few days ago to Mand S and critically examined the legs of the trotting queen. He had not seen the mare for three years, and was simply astonished at the improvement made in her by Mr. Bonner. Mand S is in far better condition to trot a fast mile than she was when Mr. Vanderbilt parted with her.—Turf, Field and Farm.

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failed, however, to equal his Australian record, reaching only 124 yards 9 inches.

Captain Ed Hanlou declared to-day that he would no longer captain the All-Americas. He

Arrangements for the Big Canine Exhibition CHICAGO, March 16 .- The Massoulah Kennel Club has issued the premium lists for the first annual bench show of does. The entries close on March 25 and the show, which is to be held on March 25 and the show, which is to be held in Battery D Armory, April 9 to 12, inclusive, promises to be by far the largest and most important event of the kind ever held in the West. The judges for the show are as follows: Non-sporting dogs and all others not otherwise provided for, James Mortimer; setters, pointers, beagles, fox-nounds and Chesapeake Bay provided for, James Mortimer; setters, pointers, beagles, fox-hounds and Chesapeake Bay

ters, beagles, fox-bounds and Chesapeake Bay dogs, Major J. M. Taylor: retrievers and spaniels, J. H. Westman.

The inquiries for entry lists and other information coming from all parts of the country, indicate that the number of dogs in the show will be very large. They will include the chief prize winners in the various class at the bench shows, among them the prize fox serriers of August Beimont of New York. The first and second prizes for challenge and ones animals segond prizes for challenge and open animals in most of the various classes are \$20 and \$10 respectively, ranging downward to \$10 and \$5 for the less important classes. In addition to money prizes the club offers a large number of silver medals and a number of special prizes. JACK ASHTON and Joe Lannon will fight on Tuesday evening next.

SCHAEFER'S STATEMENT. He is in Town and Rendy to Tackle Jacob Schaefer, the champion billiard player day. of America, was in the city yesterday. During a conversation the "Wizard" stated that he means to force Slosson to a match if it is possible to do so. He said:

sible to do so. He said:

"I am willing to play either Slosson or anybody else on reasonable terms for as much money as may be required. So far my offers have conceded a few points. Most certainly f am always ready to defend the title which I have won." am aways easy to hereat the which I have won."

The champion went on to say that he has a backer in New York at present ready to put up all the money necessary for a fair match. He also stated that billiard playing is becoming more popular than ever. It is claimed that Slosson and others always take advantage of Schaefer's domestic troubles and issue challenges. Recently Schaefer's wife has been ill, but she is now recovering.

but she is now recovering. The Amateur Rowers. CHICAGO, March 16 .- The Executive Committee of the Missouri Valley Amateur Rowing Association held a meeting in this city this afternoon. There were present H. C. Avery of this city; Vice President C. M. Schenck, of Ottumwa; Secretary F. C. Brown, of this city, and Directors F. S. Parsons, of St. Louis; W. R. Moore, of Moline, Ill.; J. O. Brown, of Pullman, Ill.; W. J. Moore, of Pullman, Ill., and L. B. Glover, of this city, The Salt Lake and L. B. Glover, of this city. The Salt Lake Rowing Club, of Salt Lake City, Utah, was admitted to the association. Messrs. C. M. Schenck, W. R. Moore and L. B. Glover were made a committee to arrange for the next annual regatta and to notify the 42 clubs of the association of the time and place. The visitors were the guests this evening of the Farragut Boat Club at their club house on Lake Park

Local Wrestling Match. Final arrangements have been made for a catch-as-catch-con wrestling match between John Thompson and Mike Macdonno, of McKee's Rocks. The contest will take place at McKee's Rocks next Saturday evening and will be for \$100 a side.

An interesting roller skating centest will take place at the Union Rink, Allegheny, on Thursday night. Morrison, Guy and Davison will take part in the final heat. The contest is for the local championship.

third.

Second race, four and a half furlongs—Catharine
B won in 57% seconds, Lucy Howard second, Orange Girl third.

Third race, three-eighths of a mile—Barney Lee
won in 1:04, Henry Hardy second, Macaulay
third. Fourth race, seven and a half furlongs—Count-ess won in 1:38%, Silleck second, Event third.